

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA

United States of America,

Case No. 23-cr-26 (SRN/TNL)

Plaintiff,

v.

ORDER

William Termain Blair,

Defendant.

This matter is before the Court on the Government’s Unopposed Motion for Continuance of Motions Hearing and Exclusion of Time. ECF No. 49. The Government moves for a 45-day continuance of the August 15, 2023 motions hearing in this matter. *Id.* ¶ 5. The Government states that its counsel is unavailable for the hearing due to attorney conflicts. *Id.* ¶ 4. In addition, the Government states that additional time is needed because “the parties have discussed a possible resolution of this case short of trial.” *Id.* The Government also moves to exclude time under 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h) “in the interests of justice to allow for continued preparation of counsel in this case and for completion of negotiations between the parties with respect to this case.” *Id.* ¶ 6. Defendant William Termain Blair agrees with the Government’s request for a continuance of the motions hearing in this matter. *Id.* ¶ 7.

Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h), this Court finds that the ends of justice served by granting a continuance outweigh the best interests of the public and Defendant in a speedy trial, and such continuance is necessary to allow the attorneys to appear for the motions

hearing and to provide the parties reasonable time necessary for effective preparation and to make efficient use of the parties' resources.

Based on all the files, records, and proceedings herein, **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that:

1. The Government's Unopposed Motion for Continuance of Motions Hearing and Exclusion of Time, ECF No. 49, is **GRANTED**.

2. The period of time from **the date of this Order through September 29, 2023**, shall be excluded from Speedy Trial Act computations in this case.

3. The motions hearing shall be heard before Magistrate Judge Tony N. Leung on **September 29, 2023**, at **10:00 a.m.**, in **Courtroom 9W**, Diana E. Murphy U.S. Courthouse, 300 South Fourth Street, **MINNEAPOLIS**, Minnesota 55415. D. Minn. LR 12.1(d).

4. **TRIAL:**

All voir dire questions and jury instructions and trial related motions (including motions in limine) must be submitted to District Judge Susan Richard Nelson on or before *a date to be determined*.

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This case must commence trial on *a date to be determined* before District Judge Susan Richard Nelson in **Courtroom 7B**, Warren E. Burger Federal Building and U.S. Courthouse, 316 North Robert Street, **SAINT PAUL**, Minnesota.

Dated: August 14, 2023

s/ Tony N. Leung
Tony N. Leung
United States Magistrate Judge
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